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SUBJECT: CHINESE AUGUST 14 REPLY TO U.S. AUGUST 13
PROPOSAL FOR RESOLVING THE "YIN HE" ISSUE

REFTELS: A. BEIJING 28989; B. STATE 247146 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ACTION REQUEST: SEE PARA 8.

3. SUMMARY: ON AUGUST 14, CHINESE MFA INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHA ZUKANG
PRESENTED CHINA'S FORMAL REPLY TO THE U.S. AUGUST 13
PROPOSAL THAT THE U.S. AND CHINA JOINTLY URGE THE UAE
TO ALLOW THE "YIN HE" TO DOCK AT DUBAI, WHERE IT CAN
UNDERGO AN INSPECTION.

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END SUMMARY.

4. CHINESE MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHA ZUKANG CALLED THE POLMINCOUNS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY LATE ON AUGUST 14 TO RECEIVE THE FORMAL CHINESE REPLY TO THE U.S. AUGUST 13 PROPOSAL (REF B). AFTER READING THE CHINESE REPLY, HE HANDED IT OVER AS A NON-PAPER. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT.

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AFTER READING THE CHINESE REPLY, SHA SAID HE HAD
NO FURTHER REMARKS TO MAKE. DRAWING AS APPROPRIATE ON

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REF B, POLMINCOUNS MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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-- THE EMBASSY WOULD REPORT CHINA'S REPLY IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON, INCLUDING CHINA'S REQUEST FOR AN ADVANCE LOOK AT U.S. TALKING POINTS FOR USE IN A JOINT DEMARCHE ON THE UAE.

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-- IT IS GOOD THAT WE BOTH NOW AGREE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF QUICKLY APPROACHING THE UAE.

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-- AS WE STATED ON AUGUST 13, THE U.S. HAS NO DESIRE TO DISRUPT THE LEGITIMATE BUSINESS OF THE "YIN HE" AND THE FOCUS OF OUR EFFORTS ARE STRICTLY ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRECURSOR ISSUE.

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-- HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT AND COMMUNICATE THE RESULTS OF AN INSPECTION TO OTHER GULF STATES CONCERNED, WE NEED TO REVIEW SHIPPING DOCUMENTS AND INSPECT THE FULL CARGO IN LIGHT OF THOSE DOCUMENTS.

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-- THE U.S. HAS ACTED RESPONSIBLY FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE "YIN HE" ISSUE, HAVING COMMUNICATED OUR CONCERNS EARLY TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. THE COURSE WE TOOK WAS THE ONLY RESPONSIBLE COURSE GIVEN THE INFORMATION WE HAD.

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-- THE U.S. CAN ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CHINESE SHIPPING COMPANY.

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6. SHA MADE NO RESPONSE OR COMMENT TO THE POINTS WE
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